GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR & RD Dept – Allegations of irregularities in "Construction of CC road to Homeopathy house in Brahamantarla G.P." executed under MGNREGS programme for the financial year 2012-13 in Tekkali Division of Srikakulam District taken up by PRI Division, Tekkali, Srikakulam District. against Sri V.Augustine, the then AE, Palasa, Srikakulam - Common disciplinary proceedings initiated duly framing charges under Rule 24 read with Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Written Statement of Defence received – Case entrusted to Commissioner of Inquiries – Charges not proved - Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 682 **Dated: 26-11-2020.**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, GA (V&E) Department, VR No.11(48/V&E/E2/2014), Dt.28.08.2014.
2. G.O.Rt.No.756, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt:15.06.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.764, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt: 15.06.2018.
4. From ENC, PR, AP, Vijayawada, Lr.No.Ser.I(1)/2778/2014, Dt.02.11.2018.
5. From CPR&RE, AP, Vijayawada, Lr.Rc.No.547220/ DPR&RD /E2. Vig/2014, Dt.06.03.2019, 29.03.2019, 25.04.2019 & 22.05.2019.
6. G.O.Rt.No.235, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt: 12.05.2020.
7. From Sri J. Sathyanarayana, IPS (Retd.), Commissioner of Inquiries, G.A.(COI) Department and Inquiring Authority, D.O. Letter NO. 66/COI-JS/2020, dt: 30.09.2020.
8. Govt. Memo No. 15865/Vig.I//2014. PR&RD (Vigt. I) Dept., Dt: 10.11.2020.
9. From Sri V. Augustine, former AE, PR, Palasa and presently MEO, MP, Pathapatnam representation dt:16.11.2020.

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ORDER:-

Based on the recommendations of the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department made in the reference 1st read above, on the allegation of irregularities in execution of works of Cement Concrete Roads under MGNREGS Programme for the financial year 2012-13 taken up by PRI Division, Tekkali, Srikakulam District, Government, have initiated common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 vide reference 2nd read above duly framing following article of charge under Rule 20 of above said rules vide reference 3rd read above against Sri V.Augustine, the then

Assistant Engineer, PR, Palasa, Srikakulam with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge:
That the Vigilance & Enforcement Department verified the CC road work "construction of CC road to Homeopathy house in Brahamantarla G.P." executed under MGNREGS programme for the financial year 2012-13 in Tekkali Division of Srikakulam District and noticed that the CC pavement was approved and recorded with M20 grade instead of M30 grade and also deficiency in thickness of the CC pavement and sand filing resulting loss to the Govt., to a tune of Rs. Rs.2,51,336/-.

2. In the reference 4th cited, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj has forwarded the written statement of defence of the charged officer Sri V.Augustine, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Palasa, Srikakulam.

3. Government, having not satisfied with the Written Statements of Defence submitted by the above Charged Officer, have decided to entrust the case to Commissioner of Inquiries for conducting regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 6th read above, Govt., appointed Sri J. Sathyanarayana, IPS (Retd.), Commissioner of Inquiries, G.A.(COI) Department as the Inquiry Authority to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer Sri V.Augustine, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Palasa, Srikakulam and also against the other eighteen (18) co-charged officers involved in the case.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Inquiring Authority has furnished inquiry report dt: 30.09.2020 along with his findings on each charged officer. In the findings the Inquiring Authority, among others, has held that charge is not proved against the charged officer Sri V.Augustine, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Palasa, Srikakulam.

5. In the reference 8th read above, Government, among others, have communicated the copy of the Inquiry report to the charged officer Sri V.Augustine, the then Assistant Engineer, PR, Palasa, Srikakulam for submitting his representation, if any on the findings of the Inquiry Authority.

6. In the reference 9th read above, the charged officer Sri V. Augustine, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Palasa and presently Mandal Engineering Officer, MP, Pathapatnam has submitted representation stating that the inquiring Officer in his inquiry report given findings holding that charge is not proved against him. He has requested to consider the findings of the I.A and drop further action against him.

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7. Government, after careful examination of the matter have decided to drop further action against Sri V. Augustine, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Palasa and presently Mandal Engineering Officer, MP, Pathapatnam, since the charge framed against him is not held proved.

8. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri V. Augustine, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Palasa and presently Mandal Engineering Officer, MP, Pathapatnam in the matter.

9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri V. Augustine, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Palasa and presently Mandal Engineering Officer, MP, Pathapatnam
through the ENC, PR, AP, Vijayawada.
The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Copy to:-
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER